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--As a form of a digital photograph service, a network photograph service which stores (registers) a digital image of a user in a service provider system and receives a printing order or the like via a network such as the Internet is known.--

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First partial paragraph, please replace with the following:

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--case, since the image that is desired to be attached to an electronic mail message is not determined at the time of the request for image registration, all the images end up being recorded, which is costly.--

Please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

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--On the other hand, in the method wherein an image is obtained by downloading, only a necessary image can be obtained as required. However, since an image data size is generally large, time and cost (a communication charge) are required when downloading the image to a personal computer. Furthermore, time and cost are also required when the downloaded image is sent to a mail server as an attachment to an electronic mail message.--

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Please replace the fourth full paragraph with the following:

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--The "image storing means" specifically means an image database which stores and manages images received from users. Each image is stored and managed, in a large-capacity hard disc or the like, as an image file having a file name that is determined based on a predetermined rule (for example, a combination of a registration ID and the date of the image registration). The image file can be read from the hard disc based on necessity, for example. The image storing means does not necessarily correspond to a single recording medium, and images may be stored in a distributive manner on a plurality of hard discs of one computer, or on a plurality of hard discs of a plurality of server computers.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 4 and 5 with the following:

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--The "image selecting means" displays stored images collectively on a screen of a personal computer of a user who has accessed the system via the network, and enables image selection by a number input with a mouse, for example. The input entered by the user is provided to the system as information indicating the selected image.--

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Please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

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--It is preferable for the images displayed collectively by the image selecting

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means to be limited to images registered by the user, as in a conventional network system. However, since the present invention is applicable not only to the images registered by a user, but also to images provided by the service provider, a function to restrict viewing by the image selecting means is not necessarily required.--

Please replace the second full paragraph with the following:

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--The "mail generating means" converts an image from binary data to text data as an attachment document having predetermined management information, and attaches the document to an electronic mail message.--

Please replace the third full paragraph with the following:

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--As has been described [in the] above, since the manner of attaching binary data varies depending on the type of personal computer handling the electronic mail, such as Base64 for a Windows computer, and UUENCODE for a UNIX machine, it is preferable for the user to be able to select the attachment mode in advance. In other words, it is preferable for the above network photograph service system to further comprise attachment mode selecting means for enabling the service user to select an attachment mode by presenting a plurality of attachment modes as formats to attach the image so that the mail generating means can carry out the image attachment according to the format

b8 selected by the attachment mode selecting means.--

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Please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

b9 --The "destination address specifying means" is a function to display an input box on the screen of the personal computer of the user, and to obtain an electronic mail address input by the user. It is preferable for the destination address specifying means to enable one to specify a plurality of destination addresses for a single electronic mail message, so that the same message is simultaneously sent to a plurality of addressees.--

Please replace the second full paragraph with the following:

b10 --The "mail transmitting means" is a function to transmit, to the network, a text file comprising a comment and an image, with information showing a title and the destination address as a mail header.--

Please replace the third full paragraph with the following:

b11 --In order to enable a comment to be transmitted together with an image, it is preferable for the network photograph service system to include comment inputting means for enabling the service user to input a comment on the image selected by the image selecting means so that the mail generating means

bu generates an electronic mail message including the input comment as text.--

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Please replace the first partial paragraph with the following:

bu2 --a title, a destination address, the sender's address, etc.. A mail header is automatically generated by electronic mail software or the like, based on information pre-set by the user or set for each mail. General electronic mail software automatically sets the address of the user of the software as the sender's address.--

Please replace the first full paragraph with the following:

bu2 --When general electronic mail software is adopted in the network photograph service system, the mail address of the service provider is set as the sender's address. When a recipient of the mail does not use the address of the sender, this does not cause a problem. However, some electronic mail software automatically generates a reply message by referring to the address of the sender described in the mail message and setting the address as the destination address of the reply mail. Therefore, it is preferable for the service user's mail address to be set as the address of the sender.--

Please replace the second full paragraph with the following:

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--In other words, it is preferable for the network photograph service system to include user address setting means which enables the service user to set an electronic mail address of the service user so that the mail transmitting means describes the electronic mail address set by the user address setting means as the address of the sender of the electronic mail message.--

Please replace the paragraph bridging pages 7 and 8 with the following:

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--A first network photograph service system of the invention sends an image as an electronic mail message. A second network photograph service system of the present invention which will be explained next sends an address of an image rather than the image itself.--

IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows:

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1. (Amended) A network photograph service system comprising:

image storing means for storing a plurality of images;

image selecting means for enabling a service user to select at least one of the plurality of stored images, by enabling the stored images to be